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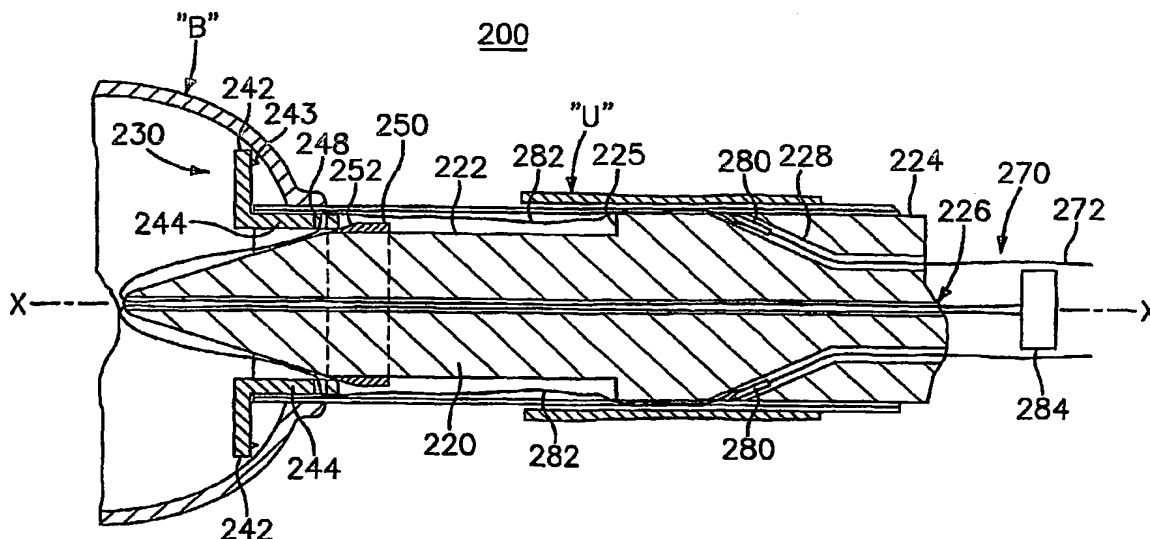
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**(57) Abstract:** Apparatus for performing a surgical anastomosis include a sleeve, a tubular body (220) configured and adapted to be slidably received within the sleeve, a firing head operatively coupled to a distal end of the tubular body and defining a plurality of needle passages (228), a radially expandable anchor (230) configured and adapted to be received within the distal end of the sleeve, a needle pusher assembly (270) including at least one push rod (272) slidably received within a respective needle passage; a lock collar (250) configured and adapted to be received in the central passage of the anchor and at least one needle anchor (280) slidably received in a respective needle passage.

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